

atone for a life of crime. She left Judge Uhler's court today, exonerated by law, but broken in spirit and nearly a nervous wreck from her experiences in Harrison street police station.

Through cell bars she told of her treatment before she was taken to the courtroom. She and Anna Payne, a young colored girl, were cellmates, and both told stories that made the jail seem more like a Russian political prison where prisoners are intentionally treated as if the scum of earth than a detention place for persons whom the law presumes is innocent until they are found guilty.

"Our bed, of course, is a board," said Miss Brown through the cell bars. "There is one blanket that is thick with lice. I am used to them now. I know I won't get another, and I must sleep, so I just crawl in and endure them. My clothes sometimes keep them off pretty well. I purposely sleep in my clothes, but they are not much defense against the bedbugs. One has to keep fighting them off.

"The place stinks, doesn't it?" queried Miss Brown. "When they put me in here it was full of cigaret stubs and glutinous gobs of spit that made me sick to look at. I've cleaned up as much as I could. No one else seems to care.

"My first breakfast was stale bread and the awfulest stuff called coffee you could imagine. I gave a boy a dime to get me a cup of coffee and a sandwich. He charged 20 cents for the coffee and sandwich and took a long time in getting it because I only gave him a dime.

"When we change clothes we have to do it in the open and the policemen watch with guffaws and jibes. The whole thing is absolutely indecent as well as uncomfortable."

"The officers are always looking the women prisoners over, talking about the girl's legs and making out-of-place remarks," said Anna Payne. Miss Brown's cellmate. The toilet

is in the hall and is not protected from sight of men who are ungentlemanly enough to want to watch, poke fun and say nasty things.

"When I was first put in I was placed in a cell with 16 others. There was not even room to lie down on the floor. We had to stand up all night. I was transferred to here from Stanton avenue station. Conditions are very good there. Officers at that station are thorough gentlemen. They try to help the women prisoners. The Stanton jail is clean and they even give you pillows to sleep on."

It is a matter of record that most of the people who are held in these cells under petty charges are found "not guilty."

#### A. F. OF LABOR URGES U. S. TO RECOGNIZE CARRANZA

Washington, Sept. 21.—Recognition of Carranza government is urged by executive council of American Federation of Labor. President Gompers has been authorized to draft resolution urging "recognition of the Carranza government as authoritative expression of best ideals of the Mexican people for self government" for presentation to President Wilson.

Col. Edmundo E. Martinez, representative of Mexican Federation of Labor, urged necessity of supporting Gen. Carranza from standpoint of labor. He asserted all organized labor in Mexico was for the Carranza faction.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Gen. Carranza is hastening preparations to move his capital from Vera Cruz to Mexico City, where he will send emissary to state department requesting recognition.

#### EXPLOSION KILLS MANY

Nuneaton, Eng., Sept. 21.—Explosion in colliery near here last night trapped 269 miners in lower levels. 10 bodies recovered by rescue parties. Heavy loss of life is feared.